

REMARKS

The subject application is a national filing of international application PCT/US04/003760. Of the presently pending claims, namely, claims 1-38 as originally filed, claims 29-34 are noted as being patentably distinct from the references of the ISR (see IPRP mailed March 6, 2006). Via the subject amendment, claim 29 is rewritten as an independent claim so as to explicitly include the limitations of the base claim (i.e., claim 1), and all intervening claims (i.e., claims 22-26). As such, it is respectfully submitted that amended claim 29, and those depending therefrom, namely, claims 28-34, are in condition for allowance.

As to the newly added claims, no new matter has been added, with all claims supported by the disclosure. The independent claims are claims 39, 65, and 67.

The newly added independent claims are generally directed to a weapon grip assembly. Among the several features, the assemblies advantageously provide a structure for separately and/or independently supporting clamps or jaws, or portions thereof as the case may be. Reference also FIGS. 4-6 of the subject application.

Davies, U.S. Pat. No. 2,826,848 cited in the ISR, discloses a device to facilitate cartridge ejection from a gun having a sleeve-like cartridge ejector operating handle. As noted with reference to FIG. 6, clamps 12, 13 include depending shanks 19, 23, with shank 19 of clamp 12 further including a threaded lower cylindrical

portion 21 receivable within sleeve 30. The clamps are connected via the union of pin 25 of clamp 12 with aperture 26 of clamp 13, with spring 28 held in tension between the clamp shanks to bias the clamps in a spaced apart "open" condition. There is no independent clamp functionality, e.g., pivoting, relative to a clamp base as contemplated by Applicant. As the inventions of newly added independent claims 39, 65 and 67 include features/functions absent from Davis, it is respectfully submitted that these claims, and the claims depending therefrom are patentably distinct from the references of the ISR, and are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

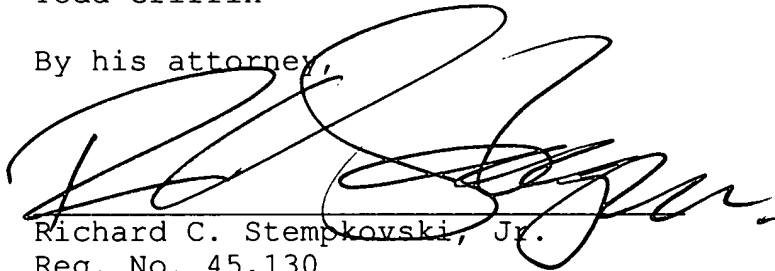
Consideration of the subject claims, including the newly added claims, is requested. To the extent applicable, please charge any deficiencies or credit any over payment to Deposit Account 14-0620.

Respectfully submitted,

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